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(C) Post delivered reftel points to Ahmed Al Kathiry, Deputy MFA Chief of American Affairs on October 25. Al Kathiry was noncommittal regarding Omani positions on resolutions concerning Iran, DPRK and Burma. Likewise, Al Kathiry did not commit to a position on No-action Motions or the U.S.-sponsored Elections Resolution. Regarding the OIC Defamation of Religion Resolution, while not indicating what Oman's representatives to the Third Committee will do, Al Kathiry suggested that instead of the annual resolution in the Third Committee, a broad statement be made about the defamation of religion in the General Assembly. Schmierer